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SUBJ: PARTY PAPER COMMENTS ON TENG HSIAO-PING STORY

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1. SEMI-OFFICIAL KUOMINGANG OWNED CHUNG YANG JIH
PAO (CYJP) JUNE 6 EDITORIAL COMMENTED ON TENG HSIAO-PING'S
ALLEGED REMARKS TO THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF NEWSPAPER
EDITORS GROUP. CYJP CHARACTERIZED TENG'S REMARKS AS "A
THREAT AND BLACKMAIL...AIMED AT CAUSING CONFUSION
IN THE US SO THE USG AND PEOPLE WILL BE UNWILLING
TO BECOME INVOLVED IN A WAR AGAIN...AND MAKE CONCESSIONS
TO THE PRC IN A HURRY..."

2. EDITORIAL NOTED THAT US-PRC DETENTE "HAD BEGUN
TO COOL OFF" AND THAT THE US HAD FOUND THE PRICE OF
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DETENTE TOO HIGH AFTER THE FALL OF CAMBODIA AND SOUTH

VIETNAM. IN CYJP'S VIEW TENG'S REPORTED STATEMENT
WAS "AIMED AT PREVENTING DETENTE FROM COOLING FURTHER
...AND INDUCING THE FORD ADMINISTRATION TO MAKE
FURTHER CONCESSIONS UNDER PRESSURE OF CERTAIN PRO-PRC
ELEMENTS...THE PRC MAY HOLD THAT IT WOULD BE THE
IDEAL MOMENT TO PUSH THE YANKEES TO THE WALL AS THE
TIME FOR PRESIDENT FORD TO HONOR HIS PROMISE TO VISIT
THE CHINA MAINLAND APPROACHES....IF HE GOES THERE
AND RETURNS LIKE A TOURIST, THE TRIP WILL NOT CONTRIBUTE
TO HIS DOMESTIC PRESTIGE AND MAY EVEN BACKFIRE."

3. THE EDITORIAL CONCLUDED ON A REASSURING NOTE:
"WE ARE CONVINCED THAT AMERICAN GOVERNMENT LEADERS
WHO HAVE LEARNED SOME AGONIZING LESSONS FROM ITS DEALINGS
WITH THE PRC ABSOLUTELY WILL NOT BE FOOLED BY
THE PRC'S TRICKS..."
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